

were born. And I've been cheering them on ever since. Most of the people in our State were Cowboy fans even before Arkansas got its hands on the Cowboys.

I also want to say something very serious. I watched this team over the last year win the way I think Americans win best. They hung in there. They were strong. They were dedicated. They started a lot of games slow, and they always finished fast. And that's what we have to do as a country. We have to endure. We have to never quit, and we have to finish fast. And I think that the country was very thrilled just to watch the renaissance of the Cowboys over the last couple of years.

Let me also say I had a very great political dilemma because the Super Bowl occurred the night I hosted the state dinner for the Governors. So, I had the Governor of New York and the Governor of Texas sitting on either side of me in the beginning of the game before it was obvious what the outcome would be. I was tested as never before in trying to maintain a poker face about the game. [Laughter] But you made it easy for us after a couple of quarters.

Let me say, again, on behalf of the Vice President and myself to you, Jerry, and to you, Jimmy, and to all the Cowboys, we're grateful to have you here.

And I understand that this is Michael Irving's birthday, is that right?

Jimmy Johnson. He probably just made that up. [Laughter]

The President. Is that right? Is that right? Is it your birthday? Come up here. How old are you? I said, "How old are you?" He said, "27, but tell them 24." [Laughter] Have you ever considered running for office? [Laughter] Can you imagine that, 27 years old and wealthy enough to retire the national debt. [Laughter] Well, happy birthday. I hope you'll have many more. You may not be able to have any years better than this one, but I hope you have many more at least as good.

[At this point, Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones made a statement.]

Mr. Johnson. Mr. President, it is a tremendous thrill and tremendous honor for all of us to make you an official member of the Dallas Cowboys as a reserve quarterback.

The President. Thank you. I'm just going to sit around now and wait for my number to be called. [Laughter] I'm going to start practicing this afternoon. You know, it's never too late.

Thank you very much.

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:20 p.m. in the East Room at the White House.

Announcement of Nomination for Two Sub-Cabinet Posts

March 5, 1993

The President today announced his intention to nominate Bruce Vladek to be Administrator of the Health Care Financing Administration at the Department of Health and Human Services and Norma Cantu to be Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights at the Department of Education.

"I am very pleased to make these nominations today to two extremely important positions," said the President. "Bruce Vladek and Norma Cantu are highly talented individuals with unique qualifications for the leadership roles that I have asked them to take."

Vladek has been president of the United Hospital Fund of New York since 1983. Prior to that, he was assistant vice president of the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. From 1979 to 1982, he was the State of New Jersey's assistant commissioner of health planning and resources development. He has also been an associate professor of political science at Columbia University and an associate social scientist with the New York City-Rand Institute. He earned his B.A. from Harvard University and his M.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Michigan.

Norma Cantu is the southwestern regional counsel for the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), a position she has held since 1985. She has also served MALDEF as the national director of a Carnegie endowment-funded education, litigation, and advocacy project and as a staff attorney on the Chicana Rights Project. In addition, she has also worked with the nursing home task force of the Texas attorney general's office and has been an English teacher in San Antonio and Brownsville, TX.

Both of these nominations are subject to Senate confirmation.

Announcement of Nomination for Three Sub-Cabinet Posts at the State Department

March 5, 1993

The President today expressed his intention to nominate Douglas Bennet, the president and CEO of National Public Radio, to be the Assistant Secretary of State for International Organization Affairs; Eric James Boswell to be the Director of the Office of Foreign Missions; and Conrad Harper to be the State Department's Legal Adviser.

"These three positions are essential to the smooth workings of State Department operations," said the President. "Douglas Bennet, Eric James Boswell, and Conrad Harper will fill them with talent, dedication, and the steady hands that are needed to get the job done."

Douglas J. Bennet, Jr., has been with NPR as its president and CEO since 1983. Prior to that he was president of the Roosevelt Center for American Policy. From 1979 to 1981, he was the Administrator of the Agency for International Development. Prior to that he served for 2 years as the Assistant Secretary of State for Congressional Relations. Prior to his State Department service, he worked as the first staff director of the Senate Budget Committee, as administrative assistant to Senators Abraham Ribicoff and Thomas Eagleton, and as an assistant to Vice President Hubert Humphrey. He was also a special assistant to U.S. Ambassador Chester Bowles in India. He holds a B.A. from Wesleyan University, an M.A. from the University of California, and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

Conrad Harper is a partner in the New York law firm of Simpson Thatcher & Bartlett. For many years, he has been active in a variety of civic affairs. In 1977, he was a consultant to the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare and served as the Government's chief negotiator in the creation of a faculty desegregation and bilingual education plan for the Chicago public schools. From 1977 to 1981 he was a visiting lecturer in law at Yale Law School. He has

served on the board of the New York Public Library for over a decade, and was formerly one of two cochairmen of the Lawyers' Committee for Civil Rights Under Law. From 1987 to 1992, he was chancellor of the Episcopal Diocese of New York. Mr. Harper is a graduate of Howard University and Harvard Law School.

Eric James Boswell is a career Foreign Service Officer with more than two decades of experience who is currently serving as Executive Assistant to the Under Secretary of State for Management. He has served in a variety of challenging administrative positions, including Executive Director of the Bureau for Near Eastern and South Asian Affairs from 1987 to 1990. He has been the Administrative Counselor in Ottawa and in Jordan and has served at posts in Quebec and Senegal as well. Mr. Boswell is a graduate of Stanford University.

Digest of Other White House Announcements

The following list includes the President's public schedule and other items of general interest announced by the Office of the Press Secretary and not included elsewhere in this issue.

March 1

In the morning, the President traveled to New Brunswick, NJ, and returned to Washington, DC, in the afternoon.

March 2

In the morning, the President went to the Capitol where he met with Republican House leaders, and in the afternoon attended a lunch with Senate Republican leaders.

Later in the afternoon, the President met with the National Association of State Treasurers and with the National Association of Counties.

The White House announced the following Departmental appointments: Loretta Ucelli to be Associate Administrator for Communications, Education and Public Affairs and Robert Hickmott to be Associate